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Applicant: SHIBUTANI, M.                      Group Art Unit: 2874  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents                      Submitted: 10/24/02  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent  
application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 6-13 as follows:

6. An optical cable adapter or connector to  
which a plurality of optical plugs are detachably connected,  
comprising:

a pair of adapter members or connector members  
attached to a panel; and

a plurality of plugging cavities provided in said  
adapter members or connector members such that said  
plugging cavities are inclined with respect to said panel.

7. The optical cable adapter or connector  
according to claim 6, wherein said adapter members or  
connector members are joined together such that respective  
front faces thereof abut on each other.

8. The optical cable adapter or connector  
according to claim 6 or 7, wherein each of said adapter  
members or connector members comprises a flange section